

production capacity and for easy availability of quality aids and appliances.

- (4) A new four tier-scheme namely, National Programme for Rehabilitation of persons with Disabilities has been approved in the State sector for implementation in order to create infrastructure at State/District/Block and Gram Panchayat level for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to the handicapped.
- (5) 107 districts have been identified for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services at the doorsteps of persons with disabilities. Services identified include setting up of composites fitment and rehabilitation centres in collaboration between the National Institute/Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India/District Rehabilitation Centres under the Central Government and the District administration/State Government respectively.

Bungling of lakhs of rupees by NIOD, Calcutta

†123. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Orthopaedically Disabled, Calcutta has bungle lakhs of rupees by launching a project without getting the approval of Standing finance Committee of her Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir. No such mis-utilisation of funds have come to the notice of the Ministry.

(b) and (c) does not arise.

Meeting between leaders of Hindu and Christian communities

124. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the National Minority Commission had convened a meeting between community leaders of the Hindu and

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